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## U.S. helicopter crash kills 12 Americans; five Marines slain

Patrick Quinn  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter went down in northern Iraq, killing all 12 Americans believed to be aboard in the deadliest crash in nearly a year, while five U.S. Marines died in weekend attacks, the military said Sunday.

The latest deaths followed an especially bloody week in which nearly 200 Iraqis and a dozen U.S. troops were killed. Iraqi politicians, meanwhile, claimed headway in forming a stable coalition government following the Dec. 15 elections, whose final results may be released this week.

U.S. military officials said the UH-60 Black Hawk crashed just before midnight Saturday about seven miles east of Tal Afar, a northern city near the Syrian border that has seen heavy fighting with insurgents.

"All (those killed) are believed to be U.S. citizens," military spokesman Lt. Col. Barry Johnson said.

He did not say what caused the crash, but bad weather has wracked most of Iraq.

The Black Hawk was part of a two-helicopter team providing support for the 101st Airborne Division and was flying between bases when communications were lost, the military said. After a search, the helicopter was found about noon Sunday, the military said.

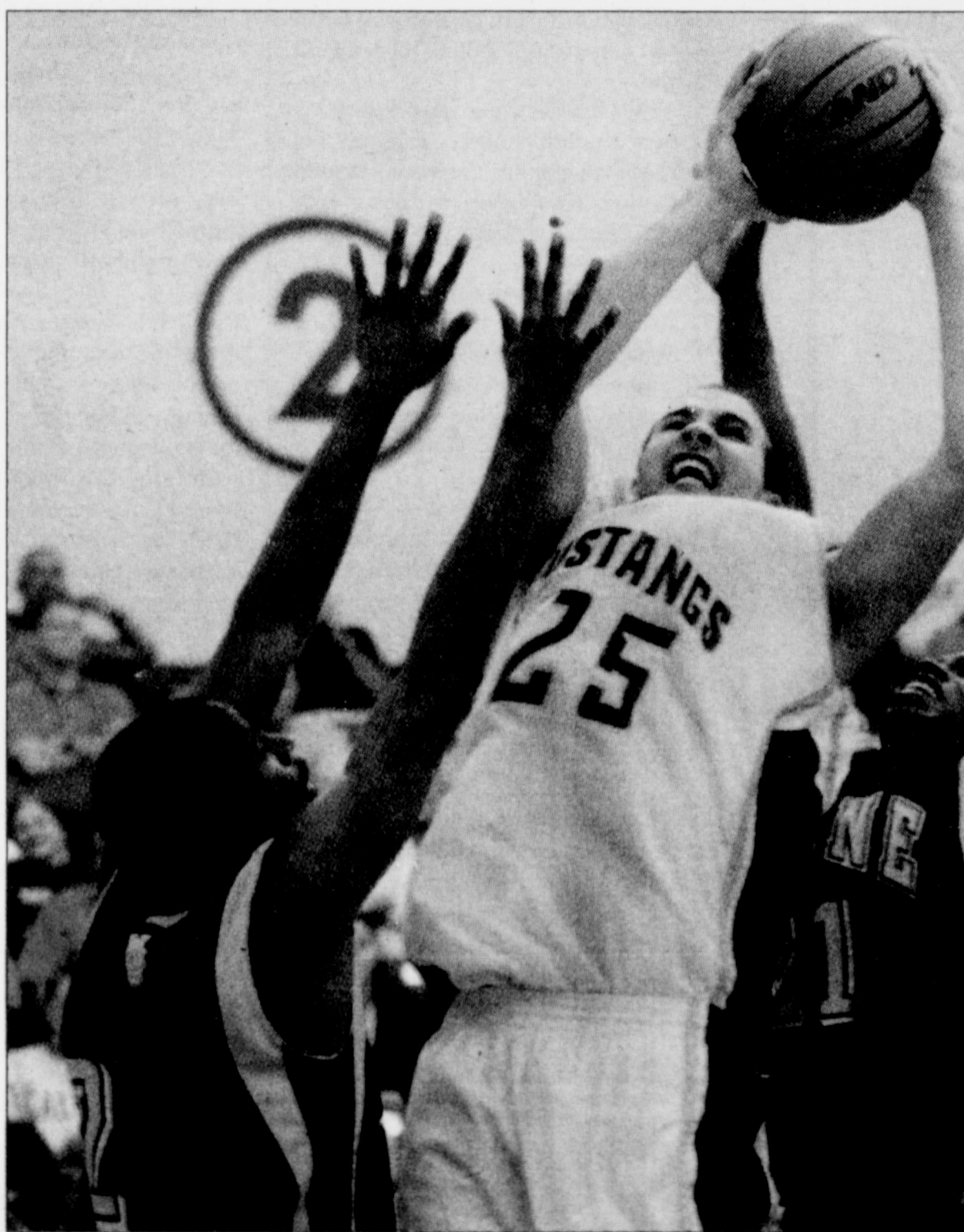
The helicopter was part of Task Force Band of Brothers and attached to the 101st Aviation Brigade, but Maj. Tom Bryant, spokesman for the division's 3rd Brigade, said the helicopter was not from Fort Campbell, Ky., and belonged to another unit.

Bryant could not say what unit the helicopter belonged to or whether any soldiers

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## MUSTANGS TO HOST 49ERS



MICHAEL MULLADY MUSTANG DAILY

Derek Stockalper and the Mustangs play Long Beach State (5-7, 0-1) at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym. Cal Poly is coming off a last-minute loss to UC Irvine. Despite a poor non-conference showing, the Mustangs are 2-1 in Big West Conference play and knocked off Cal State Fullerton, the pre-season favorite to win the conference. More in sports, page 12 ...

## Study shows more college students not indicating ethnicity on forms

Matt Williams  
COLORADO DAILY (U. COLORADO)

BOULDER, Colo. — A new study released by a San Francisco-based foundation this week finds that more students at colleges and universities are choosing not to state their ethnicity when they enroll.

Moreover, a "sizable" number of those students are probably white, according to the "'Unknown' Students on College Campuses: An Exploratory Analysis" report from the nonprofit James Irvine Foundation, which studied enrollment statistics at three small private schools in California.

Kevin MacLennan, the University of Colorado's interim admissions director, said the "unknown" upswing is also happening at CU.

"Any time any of us fill out an application in today's world, we're aware and ask 'I wonder how they're going to use this?'" he said.

About 4.7 percent of CU-Boulder's fall 2005 class of freshman resident students was deemed "unknown" compared to 3.5 percent of the same cohort in fall 1997.

Students enrolled at CU officially declare an ethnicity only once — on admissions applications.

The University combines in one "unknown" category those students who choose not to answer the question or give an answer that can not be categorized, according to CU's director of institutional analysis, Lou McClelland.

"We're sure that it's impossible that everybody we're calling unknown is white," she said.

But for statistical purposes, McClelland said

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## Mourners grieve privately for victims of West Virginia mine explosion

Kelley Schoonover and Vicki S.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILIPPI, W.Va. — The funerals began early. There were just so many scheduled in West Virginia's coal mining towns this Sunday.

And after an untold number watched on live television as it was revealed that 12 miners died in the Sago Mine explosion, the funerals were, for the most part, a private affair.

Only those who knew the miners and live in these coal mining communities were allowed to join the families to grieve. Police officers created a protective ring around the two funeral homes here, asking the media not to intrude.

But it was clear, even from a distance, that nearly 100 mourners — hugging each other, offering condolences to each other, many staring at their feet as they walked inside — had gathered to

remember miner Jackie Weaver.

The 52-year-old section electrician, who spent 26 years working in the mines, always wrote "Jesus saves" in the coal dust of his mine car as he and colleagues descended into the mine, said his cousin, Scotty Felton, 42, of Philippi.

"He was a wonderful man with a wonderful sense of humor," said Melanie Hayhurst, 44, of Fairmont, who said she and her family had known Weaver for about 15 years. "He was a Christian, too, so I am not worried about that."

Hayhurst said Weaver's family planned to bury him next to his son, who died as a child about 20 years ago in a motorcycle accident.

There were so many funerals that it made it difficult for some to remember where they all were.

"There are so many," said Pete Sandridge, an

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Barbour County Deputy Sheriff Ron Gray affixes black ribbons to four crosses commemorating the four miners from Barbour County who were killed in the mine explosion at Sago Mine in Philippi, West Virginia.



## Crash

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from the 101st were aboard. Master Sgt. Terry Webster of division public affairs could not identify what unit operated the helicopter.

It was the deadliest helicopter crash in Iraq since a CH-53 Sea Stallion went down in bad weather in western Iraq on Jan. 26, 2005, killing 31 U.S. service members. In Saturday's crash, records indicated that eight passengers and four crew members were aboard.

Three Marines were killed Sunday by small arms attacks in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, the military said. Two other Marines were killed Saturday by roadside bombs in separate incidents, the military said.

With the latest Marine deaths, at least 2,199 members of the U.S. military have died since the war started in 2003, according to an Associated Press

count. That toll did not include those killed aboard the Black Hawk.

In other violence Sunday, five people died in separate attacks in Baghdad, including a policeman killed by a suicide car bomber targeting an Interior Ministry patrol. Seven others were wounded.

Meanwhile, a French engineer abducted Dec. 5 apparently was dumped on a Baghdad street by his fleeing captors and recovered by U.S. troops, who turned him over to the French Embassy on Sunday, according to Iraqi police and the French Foreign Ministry in Paris.

Bernard Planche, 52, was kidnapped on his way to work at a water plant. Planche worked for a non-governmental organization called AAC-CESS and was found Saturday night near a checkpoint in the Abu Ghraib neighborhood. His captors had demanded the withdrawal from Iraq

of French troops — even though the country has none in Iraq.

The French Foreign Ministry said Planche should be returning to France shortly. French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin thanked U.S. authorities, as well as French diplomatic and intelligence officials, for their help in Planche's "liberation during a securing operation."

Insurgents have kidnapped more than 250 foreigners in the past two years, aiming to force U.S.-led troops to leave Iraq or prevent Arab nations from strengthening their ties with Baghdad. The leader of Iraq's main Sunni Arab political group said after meeting President Jalal Talabani that significant headway had been made in efforts to form a government of national unity.

"Talabani and I have an identical point of view regarding the formation of a national unity government based on consensus," Adnan al-Dulaimi said.

Al-Dulaimi confirmed that Iraq's two Kurdish leaders, Talabani and Kurdistan regional President Massoud Barzani, have been mediating with other groups to form a coalition government.

Their efforts seem to have forged an understanding between the main Shiite religious bloc and al-Dulaimi's group — which represent two traditionally hostile camps whose enmity often threatens to plunge Iraq into sectarian warfare.

Shiite leaders have in recent days threatened reprisals against the minority Sunni Arabs following twin suicide attacks that killed more than 100 people. They have blamed the attacks on both the Sunni-Arab-led insurgency and some Sunni Arab political groups they say openly support the militants.

"This should be done by consensus for the sake of Iraq's unity and independence. Barzani, Talabani and I agree on this condition, and this is our sole condition and demand," al-Dulaimi said.

Associated Press Writers Ryan Lenz in Beiji and Sinan Salaheddin in Baghdad contributed to this story.

## Explosion

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employee of Wright Funeral Home in Philippi, "I can't keep track."

Asked whether he knew the miners personally, Sandridge's eyes filled with tears. For an answer, all he could manage was to hold up four fingers and walk away.

First, Martin Toler Jr., at 11 a.m. in Tesla. Then Weaver's service here at 1 p.m. David Lewis, Jesse Jones and Alva Bennett an hour later, here and in Buckhannon. Jerry Groves was the last, his memorial service planned for sometime late in the day in Cleveland.

There are more to come. Three more Monday, then two on Tuesday. So many funerals that one remains unplanned.

Near the mine, which has been sealed off by federal and state regulators, more than 100 people gathered Sunday morning at the Sago Baptist Church, which became a gathering place for families during the vigil for the trapped miners.

Churchgoers sang hymns, including "The Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Farther Along," which speak of accepting God's unfathomable plan, and the Rev. Wease Day urged worshippers not to look for someone to blame.

Instead, Day said, worshippers should imagine they had only 10 hours to live, and write a note about how they would spend those final hours.

Meanwhile, doctors treating

Randal McCloy Jr., the critically injured survivor of Monday's explosion, hoped to ease his medically induced coma on Sunday, allowing physicians to perform a neurological exam.

"It has been very difficult to allow him to awaken, although that is our hope today," said Dr. Larry Roberts, the head of McCloy's treatment team at West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital.

Doctors have placed McCloy, 26, in a medically induced coma to give his brain time to heal. Roberts said McCloy has shown some signs of improvement since he returned to West Virginia from three days of treatment at a Pittsburgh hospital, but that his condition remains critical and he is still on a ventilator.

McCloy's wife, Anna, spoke briefly with reporters, asking that attention Sunday focus on those whose lives were to be remembered.

"We are thinking of them today and throughout this difficult time and we ask you to please keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers," she said.

Outside Weaver's funeral, 72-year-old Sam Felton said that's just what the families of those killed at Sago mine need.

"Keep praying for us."

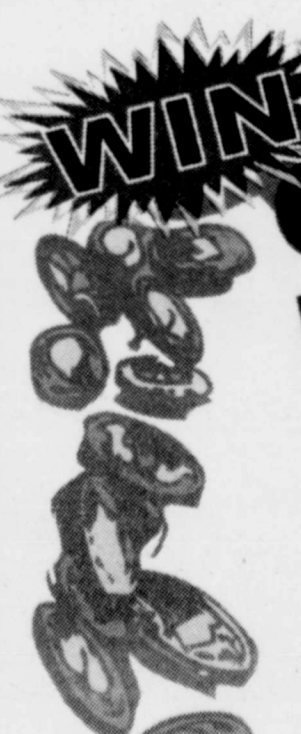
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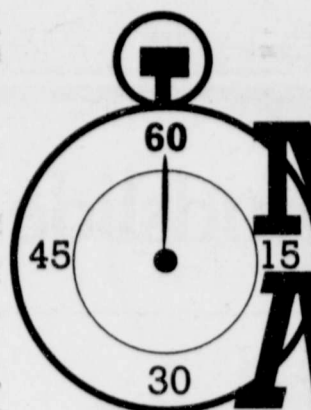
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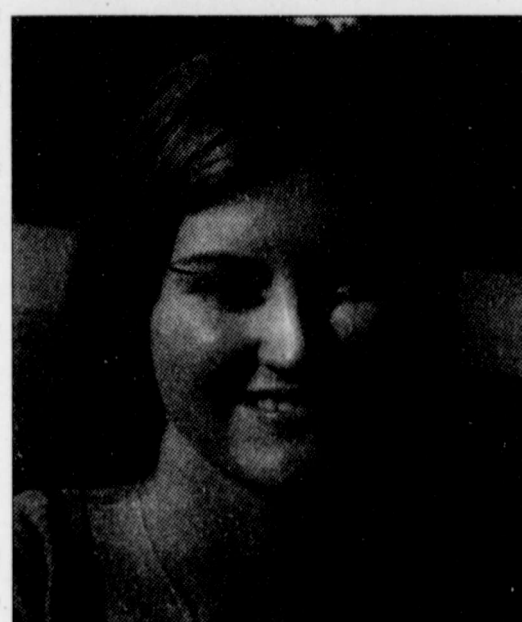
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**Name:** Taylor Smith  
**Year:** senior  
**Hometown:** Santa Maria  
**Major:** nutrition

### Favorites

**Muppet:** Kermit the Frog  
**Food item:** Doritos  
**Cheese:** Cheddar  
**Book:** "To Kill a Mockingbird"

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New York in the 1920's.  
— choose the world to be in one color?  
Blue.

## Wordly Wise

**Gastronome:** A lover of good food and drink.

**Esurient:** Hungry; greedy.

## WHO SAID THAT?

The marvel of all history is the patience with which men and women submit to burdens unnecessarily laid upon them by their governments.

— William H. Borah

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— Bill Cosby



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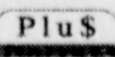
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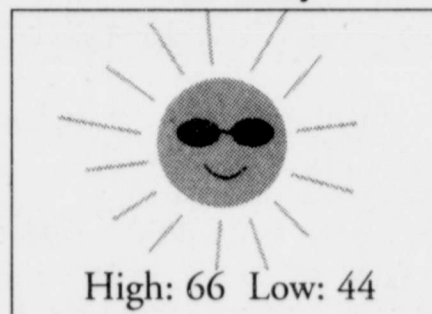
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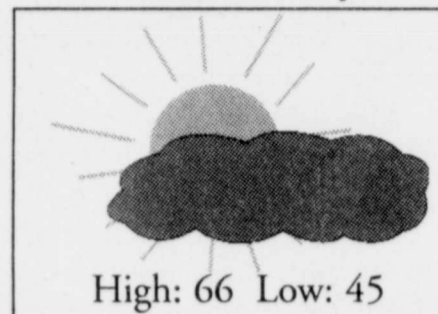
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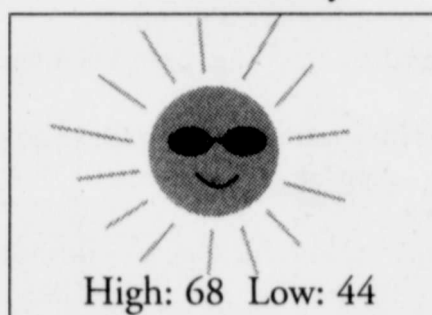
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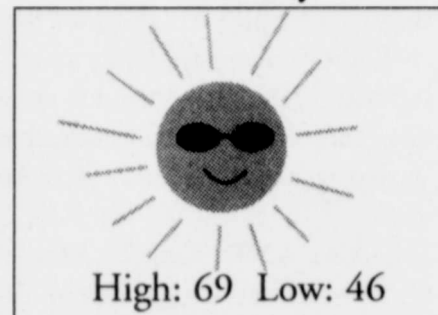
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## THIS WEEK

### IN ASI EVENTS

#### PERFORMANCE ART

Monday, Jan. 9

11 - noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

Come watch graffiti artists work to the sounds of a hip-hop DJ. The finished pieces will be integrated into the UU Gallery show "Art - Officially Urban," opening Tuesday, Jan. 10.

#### UU GALLERY

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Opening Reception, Tuesday, Jan. 10

6 - 8 p.m. in the UU Gallery - FREE

The show takes viewers on a journey exploring the world of hip-hop through art. The artist brings together the many elements of hip-hop in order to bring about more understanding of the culture. At the opening reception meet the artist, listen to live music from Fused and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

The exhibit is on display 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Monday through Friday, through Jan. 20.

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## State briefs

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A Daly City man was ordered to stand trial for a stabbing death outside a Giants baseball game in which Barry Bonds hit his 700th career home run.

Rafael Cuevas, 23, is accused of killing Timothy Griffith, a 21-year-old Redwood City man who died outside SBC Park after a Giants game on Sept. 17, 2004.

The order, issued Friday by San Francisco Superior Court Judge Charles Haines, followed a preliminary hearing that featured testimony from three witnesses who were at the scene. None of the witnesses said they saw Cuevas stab Griffith.

Police testified that Griffith was stabbed five times, including once in the heart.

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**ORLAND (AP)** — Cattle rustlers aren't all that common these days, but the Glenn County Sheriff's Department said they have one who just won't go away.

Matias Bravo Nares, 35, was convicted with his brother of stealing Holstein heifers valued at \$24,700 in 2001. He was deported to Mexico in December after serving a three-year prison term.

Nares was back in Glenn County in time to lead a deputy early Friday on a seven-mile pursuit at speeds up to 100 mph, after the deputy tried to stop Nares for driving with a defective headlight.

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**KLAMATH (AP)** — Dozens of trailer park residents forced to abandon parks because of New Year's flooding must vacate a site where they've camped for the past week or face fines of \$350 a day.

Their trailers, from six parks damaged by flooding, have been parked behind a Klamath business since Jan. 1.

Owners have been ticketed and told they must move by Jan. 15 to stop violating a county code that prohibits camping in the street.

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**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — A bank robbery in Oakland this weekend resembles other recent robberies in the Bay Area, including two New Year's heists, police said.

Three masked, gun-wielding men took over a bank branch in Oakland's Montclair district Friday night and escaped with several thousand dollars, police said. No one was hurt.

Police said the holdup was similar to other robberies in Oakland and Emeryville on New Year's Day. During those holdups, one robber watched the door while the others grabbed cash and valuables.

## California town fears replay of mudslide

Greg Risling

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LA CONCHITA** — Mike Bell doesn't want to see any more crosses go up in this tiny seaside hamlet beneath a towering bluff of unstable dirt.

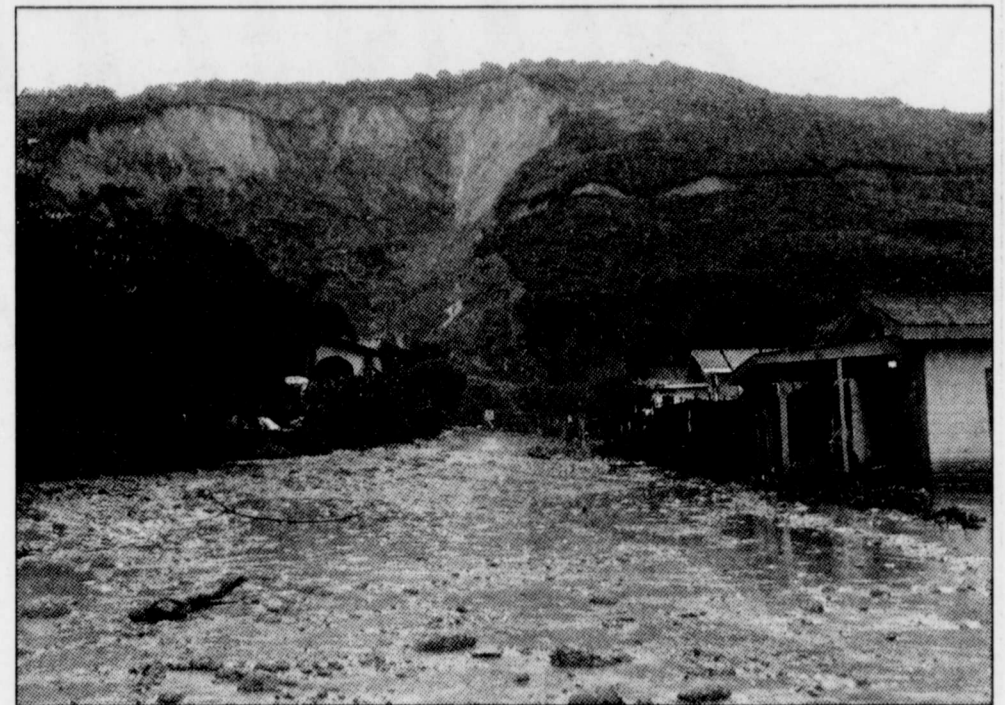
Four now stand atop the giant mound of earth that came crashing down a year ago, killing 10 people, destroying 13 homes and damaging 23 others.

The makeshift memorials are a painful reminder of the tragedy that struck the free-spirited community — and could strike again as stubborn residents butt heads with cautious bureaucrats over what should be done to make La Conchita a safer place.

Defiant and resolute, Bell and other residents said they intend to stay put as they prepare to file lawsuits claiming Ventura County should be held accountable. The litigation could help clarify the hazy line between public responsibility and government accountability that has left La Conchita with an uncertain future.

"The county feels as long as they don't burden the rest of the taxpayers, they figure they are clean," said Bell, 58, chairman of the La Conchita Community Organization. "The county should protect all of its citizens."

County officials counter that they aren't sure anything can be done to prevent the landslides that have long plagued the Central



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**In this file photo, a mud flow passes through La Conchita after heavy rains and a mudslide on Feb. 21, 2005. Residents in the coastal town are very aware of a possible replay of the January 2005 mudslide.**

Coast town 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles. They have warned residents that it's dangerous to live there.

"No one yet has identified anything that could be effective," said county Supervisor Steve Bennett. "If the county tried to stabilize the hill, it has to accept full liability. Right now, we are not willing to do that."

Experts are split on who is responsible for the safety of La Conchita residents.

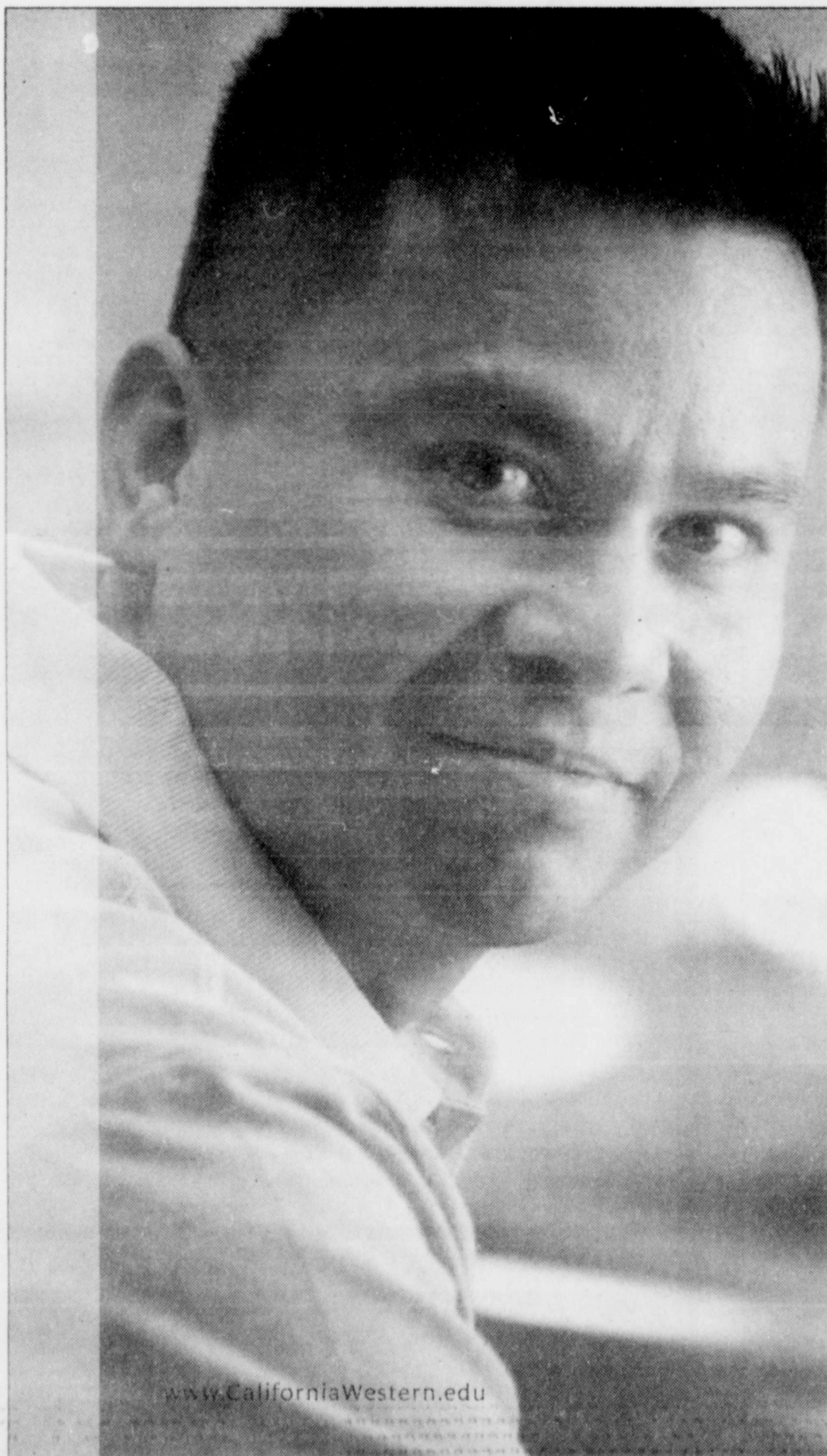
"I think the government should bring in engineers to determine if it's a livable area," said Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, chairwoman of

the urban planning department at the University of California, Los Angeles. "It shouldn't be left up to people whether they should live there."

George Lefcoe, a professor of real estate law at the University of Southern California, said government officials "aren't the absolute guarantors of public safety."

"The people who live in La Conchita have to decide what risk level they are comfortable with," he said.

La Conchita is an eclectic town — bohemia by the beach — where Spanish-style stucco homes sit next to wood cottages.



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**DETROIT (AP)** — Two Honda vehicles — the Civic sedan and the Ridgeline pickup — were chosen as the car and truck of the year at the North American International Auto Show.

The awards were presented Sunday, the first day of media previews for the show. The show opens to the public Saturday.

It's the first time in the award's 12-year history that both winners were from the same automaker. The winners were chosen by a group of 49 full-time automotive journalists from the U.S. and Canada. Finalists had to be new or substantially redesigned from the previous model. More than 50 cars and trucks were eligible for the 2006 award.

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Senate Democrats on Sunday promised a drawn-out confirmation and perhaps a filibuster for Samuel Alito if the Supreme Court nominee evades or refuses to answer their questions on abortion, presidential war powers and other issues at this week's confirmation hearings. "If he continuously, given his previous record, refused to answer questions and hid behind 'I can't answer this because it might come before me,' it would increase the chances of a filibuster," said Democrat Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## Debate swirls as wind power grows rapidly

**John Christoffersen**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STAMFORD, Conn. — Giant windmills — on scenic mountain ridges, prairie grass and even an Indian reservation — are spinning an unusual debate that is dividing leading environmentalists.

Wind power grew rapidly in 2005, becoming more competitive as natural gas prices jumped and crude oil prices reached record highs. Improved technology, a federal tax credit and pressure on utilities to use clean energy sources helped fuel the growth from coast to coast.

But wind energy is posing a dilemma for environmentalists who support its pollution-free electricity but have grown increasingly alarmed at its death toll on birds and bats.

Officials in Atlantic City, N.J., dedicated the nation's first coastal wind farm last month, while Fairfield-based General Electric Co. announced a startup near San Diego of the largest wind power farm on Indian land.

The industry added about 2,500 megawatts of wind power last year, a record 35 percent increase, according to the American Wind Energy Association, an industry trade group. The country's wind capacity is more than 9,200 megawatts in 30 states, enough for 2.4 million average U.S. homes.

Wind power still makes up less than 1 percent of the nation's electricity, but experts expect wind to generate at least 5 percent by 2020.

"The wind resource in the United States is comparable to the oil resource in Saudi Arabia," said Tom Gray, deputy executive director of the association. "It's a major strategic national resource we

should be making every effort to develop."

The environmental debate has intensified as the first offshore projects are proposed in popular tourist areas, such as Cape Cod, Long Island, N.Y., and the New Jersey shore. Critics, including a member of the influential Kennedy family, worry that some projects could harm national treasures.

"All of a sudden you're transferring an asset used by 5 million people into the hands of private industrial speculators," said Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an environmentalist who has objected to the Cape Cod proposal. "If you're giving away public rights, you ought to make sure the public benefits from this transfer, that the costs do not exceed the benefits."

Kennedy's stance has put him at odds with the environmental organization Greenpeace, which last August sent boats to interrupt a visit by Kennedy. Supporters say the project would meet the region's energy needs in an environmentally friendly way.

Conservationists also have wrestled with the wind farms.

In Kansas, conservation groups have asked state officials to create guidelines for wind energy developments, citing concerns that more wind farms will harm the last remnants of the nation's prairie grass and prairie chicken populations.

"We feel rather protective of that area and feel it is a real national treasure," said Alan Pollom, Kansas state director of The Nature Conservancy. "If we're really going to capture the benefit of green power, it seems ill considered to pursue it in such a manner that you create offsetting detrimental ecological impacts."

## WILDFIRES



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Jeff Yoe and others help fight a grass fire with shovels in Edmond, Okla., on Saturday. Firefighters across the state jumped into action Saturday afternoon, with more than 20 reported wildfires.

## Wildfires force evacuations in southern Colorado; fires burn in Oklahoma and Texas

**Robert Weller**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AGUILAR, Colo. — Wind-whipped wildfires destroyed at least five houses in southern Colorado and forced the evacuation of several hundred residents Sunday, authorities said.

Two fires had burned over 5,400 acres in Huerfano and Las Animas counties, not far from the New Mexico line. One of them had started as a controlled burn earlier in the week that flared up again despite efforts to keep it down.

Wind gusting up to 50 mph prevented authorities from using airplanes to drop slurry on the fires, said Pam Martinez of the Huerfano County Sheriff's office.

Firefighters were investigating the extent of the damage, and watching for more flareups. The land around Aguilar, a town of about 1,000 residents, is covered with sagebrush and grass, and the

nearby hills are dotted with pinon and ponderosa pine.

"This just points out that we are very dry in Colorado even though it's winter," said Barb Timock, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman. "No matter where we are in Colorado, but especially along the Front Range, we ought to be thinking about being extremely careful with fires outdoors."

Drought conditions and gusting wind have spread dozens of wildfires across Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico over the past two weeks. At least 475 homes have been destroyed by the winter blazes and five people have been killed.


In Oklahoma, high wind and unseasonably warm temperatures created prime conditions again Sunday for grass fires.

Firefighters in southern Oklahoma were trying taming one wildfire that had already charred about 900 acres near Coalgate, said Richard Reuse, a spokesman for a state command center.

"The big problem today is going to be an expected wind shift coming in from the north," he said Sunday. "If firefighters aren't aware of the wind shift while they're putting out a fire, it could get really dangerous for them."

In Texas, more than 60 wildfires were reported across the state, but most were only a few dozen acres in size. Burn bans and more firefighting resources, such as aircraft and equipment, have helped firefighters get the blazes under control, said Forest Service fire information officer Jim Caldwell.

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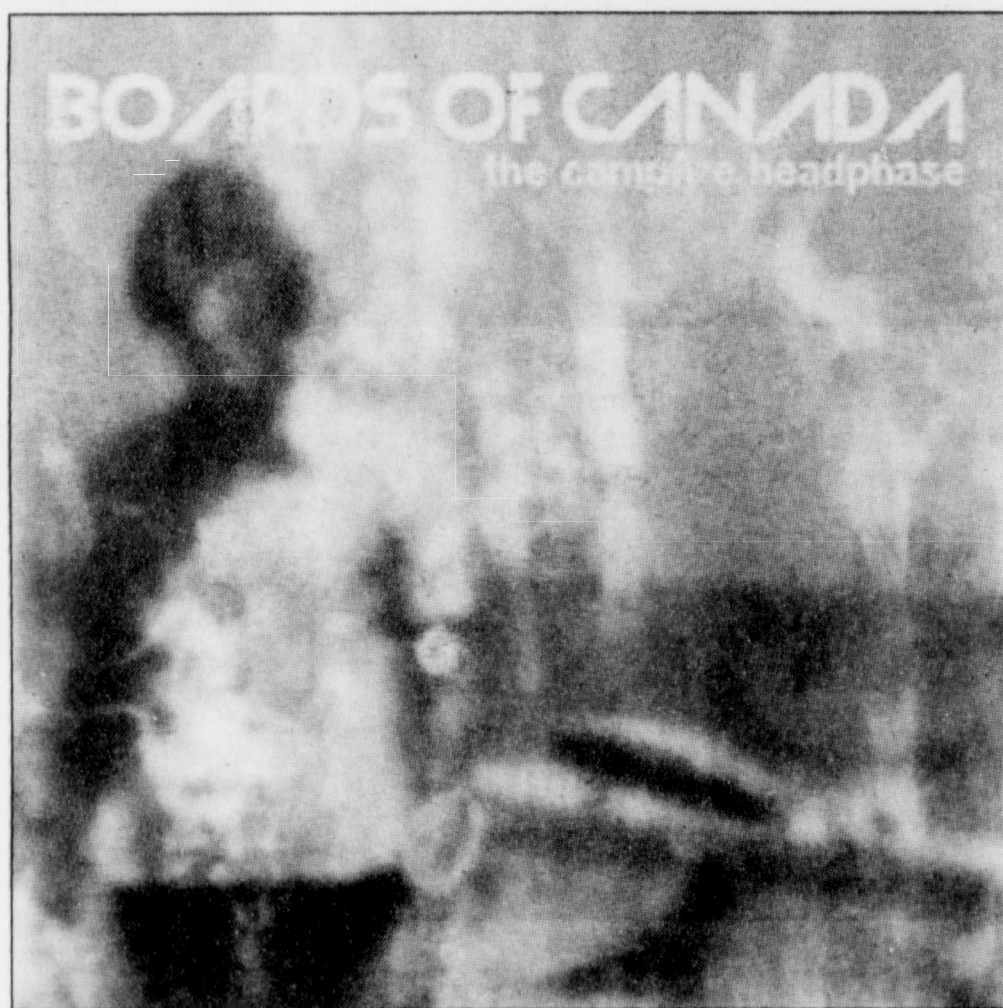
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# 'Canada' is out of this universe



COURTESY PHOTO

Boards of Canada's new release 'The Campfire Headphase' may satisfy the palette of many new-music-devouring listeners with its ambient techno sound.

**TRACK PICK:** No. 5, "Dayvan Cowboy."

**Gino Macaluso**  
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Boards of Canada, hailed as the most important band of electronica music in recent years, has returned with its third album, cryptically titled "The Campfire Headphase."

The group, most praised for its genius expedition into ambient techno on 1998's album "Music Has the Right to Children," hasn't changed its sound all that much.

I heard one girl refer to "The Campfire Headphase" as "psychedelic sci-fi folktronica," claiming that Boards of Canada has stepped out of its own genera. But I think the root word folk might be stretching these other-worldly musicians too far from the cosmos they happily dwell in.

Sonically, this album is the pop personification of a Zen Buddhist Garden. Ambient waves of peace and tranquility build and often subtly bluster amidst a myriad of electronic bleeps, sweeps and creeps. Good, why don't we take a 5-minute break? Smoke if ya got 'em.

"Chromakey Dreamcoat" enters like a couple of dissonant enemy thunderclouds scratching each other

with their frayed fingernails and gives way to the rising sound of an aviary in the background. The song sounds like a muffled Tortoise song.

The best song on the album is "Dayvan Cowboy," which showcases Boards of Canada's boldest move on the album, as it possesses a strong helping of electric guitars. But don't get too excited rock 'n' rollers, these electric guitars sound like nothing of this world as they glaze about the atmosphere with nothing but the simple tapping of a tambourine drawing them nearer to our earthy

existence. Supernovas are both shattered and reborn in this song.

An ultimately chill-listening experience that should tantalize the listener with a hankering for lush studying experiences. Though it possibly lacks the original poignancy of their previous albums, it perhaps doesn't need to venture the often trivial territory of poignancy.

**RATING:**



This album is *en fuego*, purchase immediately... if not sooner!

This album is **HOT**, definitely worth the money!

It will satisfy your new music craving.

Not bad, but could use a little more spice.

Boring, not into it.

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1	<b>WELCOME</b> back to school... and stop pouting because midterms aren't for another few weeks. Until then, enjoy some cool events on campus like today's interactive graffiti exhibit. Part of "Art - Officially Urban," a collection created by art and design senior Regina Nicolas, the UU Plaza will feature a hip-hop DJ from 11 a.m. to noon. The full exhibit will have an opening reception Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the UU Gallery.	01/09
2	<b>CHECK</b> out a free flick Tuesday at Chumash Auditorium as ASI kicks off its quarterly movie night titled "Tuesday Nigh at the Movies" with the showing of "Just like Heaven," featuring Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo. The movie rolls at 8:15 p.m. so be sure to snag a comfy spot early.	01/10
3	<b>CAN'T</b> get enough of those free flicks? Stop by the San Luis Lounge (UU 221) Wednesday at 7 p.m. for a free screening of the film "Environmental Ethics: Examining Your Connection to the Environment and Your Community." An address by R. Thomas Jones, dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design will follow the showing.	01/11
4	<b>CONTINUING</b> with the theme of sustainability this month, be sure to make it to the Sustainability Club Fair on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair will feature a keynote address by architecture professor Tom DiSanto.	01/12
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6	<b>STOP</b> by the University Union Plaza for UU Hour, a weekly musical experience that ASI sponsors every quarter, between 11 a.m. and noon this Thursday. The alternative rock band Grounded is set to perform this week.	01/12
7	<b>"DOMO</b> arigato Mister Roboto!" OK, I'm sorry for that, but I thought it was funny. Anywho, the Cal Poly Robotics Club will be featuring a presentation by Larry Singleton of A Robotic Hand Company from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday in building 20, room 129.	01/12
8	<b>SPICE</b> up the night with the CPSalsa club, which holds meetings every Friday in building 5, room 225 at 8 p.m. Lessons for all levels - beginning, intermediate and advanced - are only \$5. Then stick around afterwards to put what you learned to the test as the club opens the dance floor at 9:15 p.m. for dancing and socializing. For more information, visit the club's Web sit at <a href="http://www.cpsalsa.com">www.cpsalsa.com</a> .	01/13
9	<b>LAUGH</b> out loud this weekend at the improv comedy show Saturday hosted by the troupe Smile and Nod. The show starts at 8 p.m. in building 45, room 212.	01/14
10	<b>MAYBE</b> it's because they're from my hometown and maybe it's because they're awesome, but I suggest taking the drive to the Majestic Ventura Theater Saturday to rock out at a concert featuring No Use For A Name. And hey, even if you don't love NUFAN, you should go for either Pennywise or The Suicide Machines because this will probably prove to be one of the coolest shows this month. Visit <a href="http://www.venturatheater.net">www.venturatheater.net</a> for details.	01/14



# 'Breakfast on Pluto' showcases Murphy's versatility

Kristin Macdonald  
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Neil Jordan's "Breakfast on Pluto" is a long way from the sinister-villain territory that Cillian Murphy slunk through last year in "Batman Begins" and "Red Eye." As Irish transvestite Patrick "Kitten" Brady, Murphy convincingly turns his menacing sneer into an effeminate purr, mastering all the vocal and physical mannerisms of a rather flirty and very persuasive coquette.

While "Breakfast on Pluto" takes a straightforward approach to following Patrick's passage to adulthood, it chooses an unusual emotional focus for a coming-of-age storyline. This is not just another heartening tale of self-acceptance; not even as a young child does Patrick seem abashed or confused by his sexuality. Instead, the film outlines how Patrick journeys through the world, trusting his identity as a strength and not a weakness.

And journey is certainly the right word. Patrick has an affinity for frivolous transience, bouncing from place to place, emerging even from hostile greetings undaunted. When

refused entry to a local dance, Patrick merely turns to a nearby group of burly bikers and cheerfully hitches a ride to spend the rest of the night huddled cozily around a campfire.

Minced into cheekily titled chapters, "Breakfast on Pluto" touches lightly and quickly on Patrick's adventures, as he himself seems to. He's a mischievous sort, pert and mildly sassy. He doesn't so much shoulder society's distrust as bypass it altogether. If anything, Patrick actually enjoys asserting his differences, bemused by the predictably furious reactions of the small-town conservatives who initially surround him. Patrick sports makeup and nail polish, convinces the principal of his Catholic school to call him Kitten and even imagines his conception in an in-class essay as the humorous rape of a housemaid by the town priest.

Patrick, or Kitten, as he prefers, takes little in life seriously, which his counterparts continually point out. Only one thing ever makes him actively choose direction — the search for the mother who abandoned him.

Despite this element, the film

moves too quickly to fully capitalize on the story's emotional foundation. The chapter distinctions somewhat diminish Kitten's tale into a long string of brief, episodic capsules, removing any possible suspense or real connection to the character. Some of Kitten's old friends are involved in Ireland's growing public unrest, but while Kitten observes the action from very close range, the revolution is only vaguely explored.

Murphy's commitment to keeping his portrayal from degenerating into a cliché coupled with Kitten's vitality form the resounding core of "Breakfast on Pluto." When asked why he always smiles, Kitten replies lightly "Otherwise I might cry and never stop."

It seems an easy sentiment, especially for a movie — the typical tough veneer to mask fragile emotions deep inside. But Murphy shrugs off the delivery with such simplicity that it doesn't become an overdramatic revelation but merely a practical acknowledgement of his own weakness. Kitten knows and trusts himself. So whenever he finally does find a worthy place to stop, we can have faith that it's in his control whether or not he stays.



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'Breakfast on Pluto,' starring Cillian Murphy, is currently showing at The Palm Theatre in San Luis Obispo.

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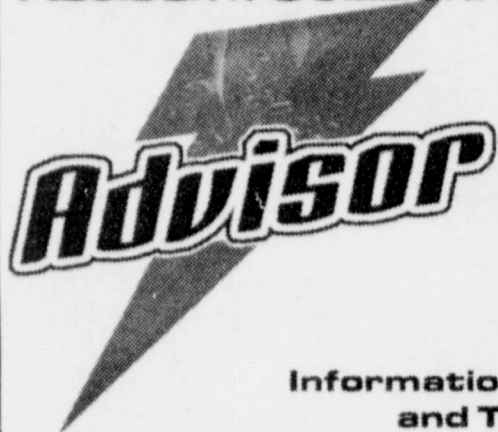
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## Study

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it's "as if they were all white, although we don't put them in a column that is labeled 'white,' she said.

That means there are probably at least a few more of color students at CU-Boulder than the campus census indicates, she said, and a slightly higher percentage of students of color compared against campus enrollment numbers.

CU's student population is about 77 percent white.

Another statistic: Of CU-Boulder's 28,600 students, a sum of 1,700 (5.8 percent) fall into the "unknown" category.

That is in line with Department of Education Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System statistics that found the percentage of higher-education students in the "unknown" category has risen from 3.2 percent in 1991 to 5.9 percent in 2001.

CU does not count the unknowns in its diversity numbers.

CU-Boulder student Curtis Love, president of the CU chapter of the

NAACP, said one explanation could be that more multiracial people can't categorize themselves based on criteria that universities use.

Sometimes multiracial students pick the "White" category if they have no other choice, according to the Irvine Foundation.

The University of Colorado uses four categories for ethnicity broken down by gender: Native American, Hispanic/Chicano, Asian American and African American. In addition, CU allows applicants to write in a specific response.

A general feeling of anxiety about how the data will be used is also a possibility, MacLennan said.

"I had my certain perceptions coming in," Love said. "If I put 'Black,' it could have been a good thing because I could have got scholarships, or it could have been bad because they would've (crossed) me off."

Love doesn't remember what he picked.

The University of Colorado uses its ethnicity data to track enrollment trends, and in some cases as one criterion among 11 others when it selects students for admission. The state of Colorado practices affirma-

tive action in college admissions, MacLennan said.

The Irvine Foundation report said that the increasing prevalence of the "unknown" student is worrisome because it could skew the diversity statistics of colleges and universities.

To address the problem, the foundation suggests standardized reporting methods at colleges and universities — something it says isn't in place today.

The report was based on the organization's larger \$29 million Campus Diversity Initiative, which aims to improve opportunities for underrepresented students in California.

McClelland cautioned that generalizations shouldn't be made about the white "unknowns" mentioned in the study because the report only includes data from three small, private universities.

A 40-person Blue Ribbon Commission on diversity organized by CU president Hank Brown will meet publicly on Jan. 21 to discuss and review diversity-related programs at CU-Boulder that recruit and retain minority students.

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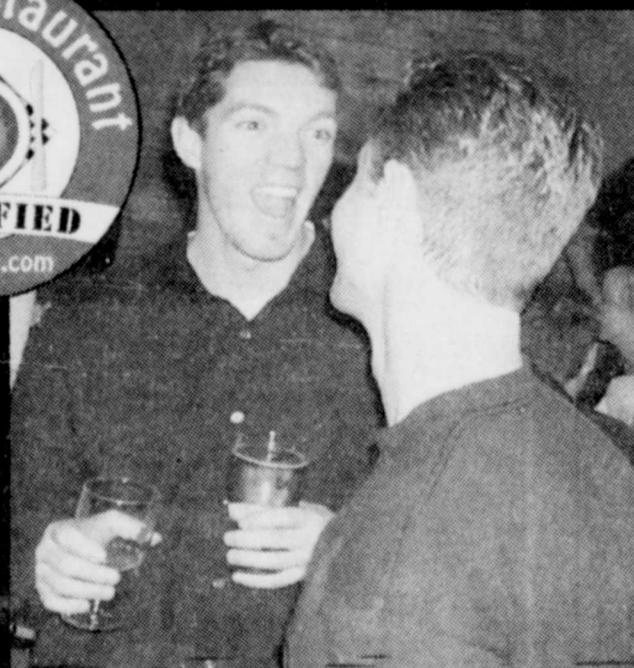
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The Athens Geodynamic Institute said the epicenter of the 6.9-magnitude quake was located beneath the seabed about 125 miles south of Athens and 12 miles east of the island of Kithira in the Sea of Crete.

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**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — The man who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981 will be released from a Turkish prison as soon as Monday after completing his sentence for crimes committed in his homeland, a news agency reported Sunday.

Mehmet Ali Agca was extradited to Turkey in 2000 after serving almost 20 years in Italy for shooting and wounding the pope in St. Peter's Square in Rome.

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**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — President Hamid Karzai said Sunday he was open to the return of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, but he does not expect the fugitive to come out of hiding

Doctors wait to bring Sharon out of coma

Ravi Nessman  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — A scan of Ariel Sharon's brain on Sunday showed improvement, but doctors decided to wait another day to start bringing the Israeli leader out of his medically induced coma, an important step in determining how much damage he suffered from a massive stroke.

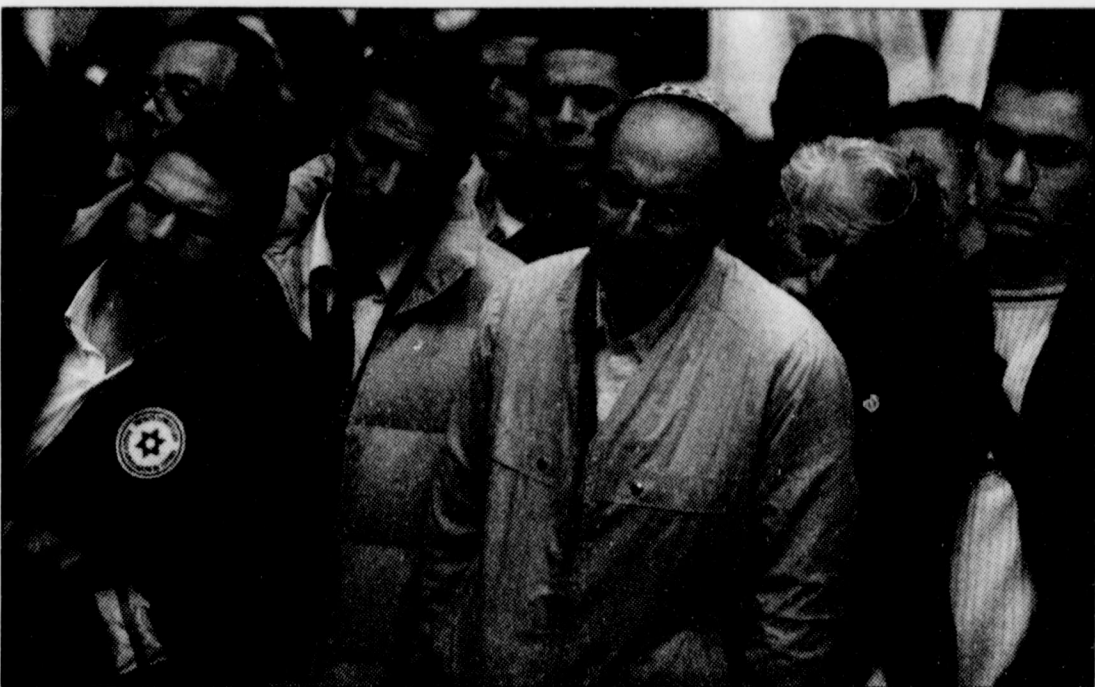
One of Sharon's doctors said if the prime minister survives, he would not be able to return to office. Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told the Cabinet he would work to carry on Sharon's political legacy.

Sharon remained in critical condition Sunday at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital after suffering a stroke late Wednesday and undergoing two lengthy surgeries to stop massive bleeding in his brain. Sharon previously experienced a mild stroke Dec. 18.

Doctors have kept Sharon in a medically induced coma and on a respirator since Thursday to give him time to heal. Sharon's medical team decided that on Monday morning they would begin reducing the level of sedatives he is receiving to start pulling him out of the coma.

Experts said the process could take six to eight hours, and doctors should have a good idea of the extent of the damage by the end of the day.

A new brain scan Sunday showed



People listen as Director of the Hadassah hospital, Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, unseen, briefs the media about the condition of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, outside the hospital in Jerusalem Sunday Jan. 8. Doctors will start bringing Sharon out of his medically induced coma Monday, and a brain scan taken Sunday showed improvement, Mor-Yosef said.

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his vital signs, including the pressure inside his skull, were normal, said Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, the hospital director.

"His condition is still critical but stable, and there is improvement in the CT picture of the brain," Mor-Yosef said.

"In light of all these factors, the panel of experts decided to start the process of taking him out of the sedation tomorrow morning. This all depends, of course, on whether the prime minister makes it until tomorrow morning without any significant incidents."

Doctors had planned to start pulling Sharon from the coma Sunday, but decided to wait another day after performing the new scan.

The 77-year-old Sharon, Israel's most popular politician, was seen by

many here as the best hope for resolving the Israel-Palestinian conflict. His grave illness, just three months before elections, has stunned Israelis and left Middle East politics in limbo.

Doctors will pass their assessment of brain damage to Attorney General Meni Mazuz.

"They will inform us the moment they wake him up from the sedation and they will know what systems were damaged and what his situation is," Justice Ministry spokesman Jacob Galanti said.

If doctors determine that Sharon is permanently incapacitated, the Cabinet would meet immediately to choose a new prime minister from the five sitting Cabinet ministers from Sharon's Kadima Party who also are lawmakers.

Olmert is seen as Sharon's potential heir.

One of Sharon's surgeons, Dr. Jose Cohen, said that while the premier's chances of survival were high, his ability to think and reason would be impaired.

"He will not continue to be prime minister, but maybe he will be able to understand and to speak," the Argentina-born Cohen said in comments published Sunday by The Jerusalem Post.

Outside experts were even less optimistic.

"There is zero expectation on my part that he will have the capacity to perform in any kind of formal way," said Dr. Keith Siller, Medical Director at the NYU Comprehensive Stroke Care Center.

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## COMMENTARY

# New Year's resolutions everyone can follow

Dana Delapi

CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE (U. CENTRAL FLORIDA)

OVIEDO, Fla. — Another year has gone by and I find myself reflecting on the past and looking to the future. I love the beginning of a brand-new year.

It always seems as if there are endless possibilities for starting fresh, and, even for a brief shining moment, we can put all the past indiscretions, regrets and screw ups behind us.

Or can we?

Every year I write myself a letter with my New Year's resolutions on it. Then I mail it to myself and only open it on the eve of the following year.

An intriguing idea at first glance, but after a year, you tend to forget the things you planned to change. Case in point: I had resolved to visit a tropical location for Spring Break 2005. I chose the less tropical locale of Long Island, N.Y.

As far as relationships are concerned, I had big plans for 2005. It was supposed to be the year I resolved to find true love, not to fall for smooth-talking jerks and to be a little less jealous about, well, everything.

I am sad to report that I threw all of my res-

olutions out the window. Every last stinking one of them.

So this year, I say the hell with outlandish resolutions. You can't resolve to find true love or to get over a past lover.

But there is one resolution you can hold true

*So this year, I say the hell with outlandish resolutions. You can't resolve to find true love or to get over a past lover.*

to: Resolve to be smarter about the opposite sex.

So, in honor of all the broken 2005 resolutions, I give you these wisdom-filled resolutions to live 2006 by. Go ahead, tear it out and stick on the refrigerator. I guarantee you are gonna need them.

1. Please, guys, resolve to be a little bit more of a gentleman. This is not only a dire plea, but a reminder that a little bit goes a long way. Let's bring back chivalry. I know, I know: We women killed chivalry. But this year, forgive and forget, and open a damn door!

2. Ladies, resolve to be a little less critical

when a guy can't read your mind. Guys make mistakes — even the guy you've been dating forever. Understand that sometimes you are not as obvious as you think. Plus, there are not that many guys signing up for Miss Cleo's School for the Psychic Male. Be a little more vocal about your needs and wants rather than praying for a clairvoyant boyfriend.

3. Repeat after me: Sex is not love. A one-night stand is not a boyfriend. Sex is not love. Resolve to repeat this to yourself whenever you feel that urge to say, "But we slept together so he/she must like me."

4. To each and every one of my beloved bar-hopping buddies: Resolve not to believe that a bar is a great place to meet the love of your life. The love of right now is fine, if you so choose. But a drunken hazy night is not the foundation dream relationships are made of. Granted, it makes for fun memories and conversation, but try not to bet your heart on it lasting longer than shot of Jager.

5. Resolve to be a little more cautious, this new year and every one there after. Taking things slow is not a bad thing and can save a hell of a lot of regrets. Stopping to look both ways will help you from being side-swiped by a emotional Mack truck.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Catholic church is hypocritical

I would just like to take a moment to comment on Grant Desme's letter, 12/2/05.

I quote, "It is not our job as Christians to judge one's soul." Oddly enough, this came only one paragraph after, "On the other hand, homosexuality is wrong whether or not one is a priest as the Old Testament states in Leviticus 18:22 and in 20:13." Now, bear with me, but if it is not the job of Christians to judge the souls of others, then why do you? Even if you say that your opinion is based on Biblical texts, that's still a judgment on your behalf. I'm not trying to be condescending here, but if you are going to try to preach the glories of your church, at least have a consistent position.

For example, Leviticus 10:9 states: "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations." Bottom line: everyone in the Catholic Church who has taken wine during communion has committed a sin in God's eyes. Unless, of course, you say you're sorry.

A point of advice: Next time you write a column to express your blind embrace of something as hypocritical as the Catholic Church, please do some research to understand what is truly going wrong.

Shea Clifford

Computer engineering junior

### Religion is a belief, not a fact

I have to say, Grant Desme's hypocrisy is deplorable. Desme

must have been trying to infuriate intelligent students when he said, "It is not our place job as Christians to judge one's soul" in the same letter as "homosexuality is a sin." Does he not understand this blatant contradiction? If we are taught to not judge others, where does Desme get off condemning gay people?

A person does not choose to be gay, it is as natural as straight people

to think for ourselves using, gasp, logic.

Homosexuality is not a choice. I am going to rise above the temptation to tell him to stick his homophobic views where the sun don't shine. I will merely say deal with the fact ten percent or more of the population is gay and there is no room for his hateful views.

Messiah. After the Ascension, the covenant was fulfilled and Messianic Law subsumed Mosaic Law. As Paul says in Galatians 3:24 25, "So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law."

But, if you prefer the anachronisms of Leviticus, I hope you have never cursed at your parents. That is grounds for death (Leviticus 20: 9.)

Your next major transgression: "Jesus cannot tolerate the existence of sin."

Have you read the Bible? Jesus loved sinners; Matthew his disciple was a former tax collector, one of the worst sins. Jesus openly and deliberately associated with sinners, that was why he was detested by the Sadducees and Pharisees and ultimately crucified!

Further, I cannot believe you have the audacity to claim to know God's will. You should call Benedict and tell him about your telekinesis with God. I make no claims to knowing God's mind, but if homosexuality is a sin, as you say God says it is, then for all I know, being blonde is a sin as well.

Also, I am glad to hear that the Church is infallible again, something else you should tell Benedict. I suppose Pope John Paul II's publishing "Memory and Reconciliation: The Church and the Mistakes of the Past" was a mistake, and he did not mean to apologize for the Crusades.

Mr. Desme, I love my Church, my Pope, my mother and father, my friends, tax collectors, blondes and homosexuals. Jesus loved everyone, especially the sinners. I think we ought to strive for that.

Ryan Smith

Political science sophomore

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Julie Kunz

Psychology sophomore

### When being blonde is a sin

As a Catholic, I am appalled by the letter you wrote ("Jesus loves everyone").

First, the hypocrisy of quoting Leviticus. Leviticus was written to help the Israelites establish a temporary society while waiting for the

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"You're a per!"



# Offense explodes in 99-72 win over Irvine

**While the women easily handled UC Irvine on the road, the men's basketball team suffered a heartbreaking loss at home**

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly women's basketball recorded its highest point total in five seasons hitting 54 percent of its floor shots en route to a 99-72 victory over UC Irvine in a Big West Conference women's basketball game Saturday afternoon at the Bren Events Center.

The Mustangs, who have surpassed the 100-point barrier seven times in the 32-year history of the program, including a school-record 106 against Cal Lutheran in 1989,

improved to 8-4 on the season and 3-0 in Big West games. Cal Poly won its third straight for the first time this year.

UC Irvine fell to 2-11 overall and 0-1 in Big West games.

Cal Poly led throughout the game, sprinting to a 26-10 advantage in the first 11 minutes and settling for a 45-34 lead at the break. The Mustangs led by as many as 38 points in the second half.

For the second straight game, Jessica Eggleston established a new career high in scoring for Cal Poly. After a 21-point performance Monday against Cal State Fullerton, the junior forward tallied 25 against UC Irvine, sinking 11 of 14 floor shots. She also led the Mustangs in

rebounds with eight as Cal Poly outboarded the Anteaters 47-32.

Junior point guard Sparkle Anderson added 17 points while both Lisa McBride and Megan Harrison scored 11 points. Anthonia Newman recorded nine points and eight rebounds.

UC Irvine was led by Miranda Ishizaki with 16 points, followed by Angie Ned with 15 and Kelly Cochran with 13.

Both teams turned the ball over 23 times, but Cal Poly held the Anteaters to just 42.2 percent shooting from the floor. The Mustangs made 40 of 74 floor shots, including seven of 14 from three-point range.

Cal Poly visits Long Beach State

(8-5, 1-0 Big West) on Monday night. The 49ers upset 10-time conference champion UC Santa Barbara 58-52 on Saturday at The Pyramid.

## Men's basketball UC Irvine 69, Cal Poly 67

Senior guard Aaron Fitzgerald hit a 25-footer with 7.6 seconds to play lifting UC Irvine to a 69-67 victory over Cal Poly in a Big West Conference men's basketball game Saturday afternoon before 2,048 in Mott Gym.

Freshman guard Trae Clark had given Cal Poly a 67-66 lead with 39 seconds left, hitting a three-pointer from the top of the key. After a timeout, Fitzgerald hit his three-pointer.

Cal Poly inbounded the ball to Clark, who dribbled into the key, but his 12-footer at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

With the win, UC Irvine improved to 5-8 overall and 1-0 in

the Big West. Cal Poly, aiming for its first 3-0 start in Big West play since the 1996-97 season, fell to 4-9 overall and 2-1 in the Big West.

UC Irvine produced a quartet of double-digit scorers, led by sophomore center Darren Fells with 14 points. Sophomore forward Patrick Sanders added 13 points, senior guard Shamar Armstrong 12 and junior forward Nic Campbell 10. Fitzgerald and senior guard Ross Schraeder each scored nine points.

Cal Poly was led by junior forward Derek Stockalper's 19 points. Clark added a career-high 17 points while Chaz Thomas, another freshman guard, scored a career-high 13 points.

UC Irvine hit 54.3 percent of its floor shots, including six of 11 from three-point range. Cal Poly connected on 46.9 percent, including 10 of 21 treys. Cal Poly outrebounded UC Irvine 28-24, led by Stockalper with seven.

Fells grabbed six for the Anteaters. Cal Poly turned the ball over 13 times, two more than UC Irvine.

Cal Poly went on a 14-0 run for a 22-11 advantage with 9:27 left in the first half and settled for a 33-25 lead at the break. The Mustangs still led 53-44 with 9:17 remaining before UC Irvine tied the game at 53-53 on a layup by Sanders with 5:41 to go, capping a 9-0 run.

The game was tied six times in the final six minutes.

Cal Poly hosts Long Beach State on Monday night while UC Irvine visits UC Santa Barbara.

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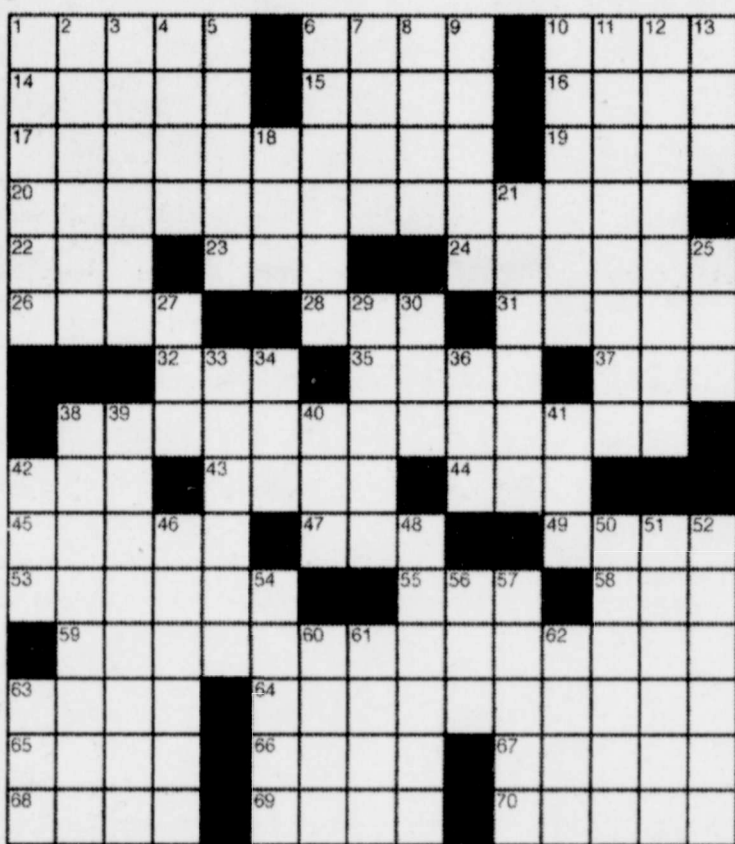
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- 1 Take hold of  
6 Anatomical pouches  
10 "Excited" (Pointer Sisters hit)  
14 Severity  
15 Melville novel  
16 Alcove  
17 First president born outside the original 13 colonies  
19 Easy tennis shots  
20 Retirees, often  
22 A Chaplin  
23 Norma \_\_\_\_ Sally Field Oscar-winning role  
24 Mentally sharp  
26 Revolution time?  
28 Ewe's mate  
31 Often \_\_\_\_
- 32 Long time  
35 Airhead  
37 April 15 org.  
38 B team  
42 Driveway covering  
43 Leslie Caron title role  
44 Fleming who created 007  
45 Shaquille of the N.B.A.  
47 Kind of camera: Abbr.  
49 Catch sight of  
53 Kind of acid  
55 Yellowstone Park animal  
58 "Mazel \_\_\_\_!"  
59 They're neither nobility nor clergy  
63 Horse's hue  
64 Bad way to be held by a judge  
65 007 foe

### DOWN

- 66 Scheme  
67 Suffered defeat, slangily  
68 "I'd hate to break up \_\_\_\_"  
69 MS. enclosure  
70 Zellweger of "Bridget Jones's Diary"  
1 Lawnlike  
2 Hearty steak  
3 List for a meeting  
4 Songs for one  
5 Before, with "to"  
6 World Cup sport  
7 Mine, in France  
8 Stallion, once  
9 Actress Braga  
10 Coast features  
11 Frank Zappa's daughter  
12 Sympathy-arousing excuse  
13 Approves  
18 Gun lovers' org.  
21 One of the Gabors  
25 S.A.T. company  
27 Stimp's pal on TV  
29 Aleve competitor  
30 "Mamma \_\_\_\_!"  
33 Like some old-fashioned lamps  
34 "\_\_\_\_ won't!"



Puzzle by Kevan Choset

- 36 Prefix with angle  
38 Mop wielders  
39 Foam material  
40 "Treasure Island" author's initials  
41 Suffix with labyrinth  
42 Bridge weight unit  
46 Retort to "Am too!"  
48 Decorated anew  
50 Place for pollen  
51 Entree with a crust  
52 Actress Mirmieux  
54 Poker pieces  
56 Actor Cariou  
57 Relatively cool sun  
60 "To Live and Die \_\_\_\_"  
61 Certain TV's  
62 French head  
63 Nutritionist's fig.

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**M. BASKETBALL**

**WHAT TIME IS IT?**

**G**ametime, woo! Long Beach State visits Mott Gym and the Mustangs tonight at 7 p.m. in a Big West contest.

The 49ers (5-7, 0-1) are led offensively by Jibril Hodges with 13.7 points per game. Long Beach State has struggled on the road this season, posting a dismal 0-6 record away from the friendly confines of The Walter Pyramid.

The Cal Poly men's basketball team won just three Big West games last season. This season the Mustangs have already won two and nearly made it three on Saturday night at Mott Gym. Cal Poly suffered a heartbreaking 69-67 loss to UC Irvine after a frantic three-point attempt by Irvine's Aaron Fitzgerald found nothing but the bottom of the net with 7.6 seconds remaining.

MICHAEL MULLADY  
MUSTANG DAILY

**WRESTLING**

**WINTER BREAK SUCCESS**

**O**ver the break, the wrestling team notched a big win over then No. 14 Nebraska and nearly knocked off then No. 7 Iowa State. If not for Darrell Vasquez's injury suffered in the match against Nebraska, Cal Poly coach John Azevedo said the Mustangs likely would have upset the Cyclones. Vasquez's injury forced the Mustangs to forfeit the 133-pound match against Iowa State, a match Azevedo said Vasquez likely would've won. Vasquez is ranked No. 3 in the nation by InterMat, a prominent national wrestling Web site, giving Azevedo's prediction credence.

Last week, the Mustangs competed against Oregon and Oregon State in Pac-10 dual meets. While the Mustangs handled Oregon, a slough of injuries led to defeat against Oregon State.

The most significant injury came to Matt Monteiro. The junior standout led his opponent 10-1 before a leg injury prevented Monteiro from finishing the match. Monteiro, ranked No. 12 in the nation in the 197-pound weight class, is out for 3 to 6 weeks, Azevedo said.

Despite the setback, Azevedo is confident his team will make a run for the Pac-10 championship.

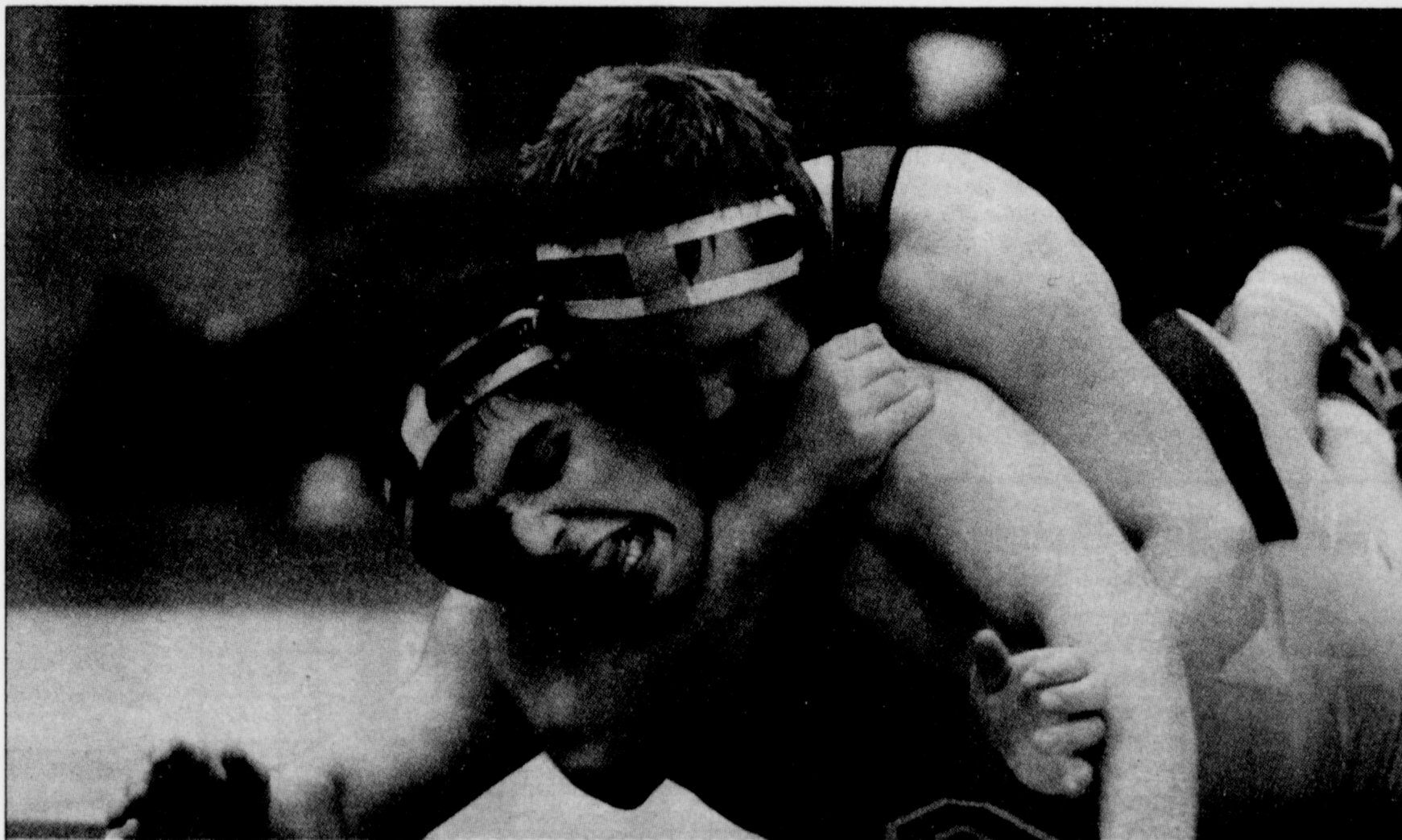
"It's a reachable goal, but it's a tough goal," Azevedo said. "Arizona State probably has the better team on paper, but that doesn't necessarily mean anything."

In a preview of what's to come, the Mustangs wrestle Arizona State in a dual meet on Jan. 27 at Mott Gym.



SHEILA SOBCHIK  
MUSTANG DAILY

# Mat-men in top 25



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Ryan Halsey, top, grapples with Oregon State's Kyle Bressler en route to an 11-2 major decision victory last Wednesday.

Darrell Vasquez missed the 2004-05 season due to illness, but he has been one of the many keys to success for the Mustangs this season

Justin Fivella  
MUSTANG DAILY

Despite missing three of its starters, the Cal Poly men's wrestling team remains 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Pac-10 after the 26-15 win against the University of Oregon and its 27-9 loss to Oregon State at the dual meet Wednesday night.

Cal Poly showed a strong performance in the first half of the night with its victory over Oregon. Junior Matt Monteiro (197) and sophomore David Roberts (149) both recorded commanding victories over their opponents. Monteiro defeated Tony Rohlen 16-1 by technical fall at 4:15 and Roberts captured an overtime victory against Skyler Woods.

Mustang senior Ryan Halsey (184), ranked No. 2 in the Pac-10, faced No. 1 ranked Shane Webster in one of the most anticipated matches of the night. Halsey, who was still recovering from recent matches against Iowa State and Nebraska, fell 14-5 to Webster and is now 6-2 this year.

"My body is still hurting coming off one of the most difficult tournaments in the country," Halsey said, referring to the Mustangs' trip to the Midwest where they wrestled Nebraska and Iowa State on back-to-back nights.

The Mustangs lost momentum against

Oregon State in the second half of the meet as Monteiro lost his commanding 10-1 lead and eventually the match against Oregon State's Travis Gardner. Monteiro injured his leg and was unable to finish the match.

Though the injury cost Monteiro the match, the injury should not cost him the season.

"Matt (Monteiro) should be back in 3 to 6 weeks and his knee injury doesn't look to be too serious," coach John Azevedo said.

*"We're looking strong this year, the win in Nebraska was big. Each player's win helped others feed off it to become stronger."*

— Jeff Owens

On the Mustangs' early-season success

Senior Jeff Owens (149) and Halsey easily defeated their Oregon State opponents, but their strong performances couldn't overcome the absence of three starters. Darrell Vasquez (133) was also unavailable, and still recovering from an injury sustained in his match against Nebraska on Dec. 17.

"We were not as fired up as usual; the three missing starters hurt us not only with the lack of wrestling but with the lack of emotion," Owens said.

Azevedo said Vasquez will return to action Saturday when the Mustangs host Purdue and Boise State.

Last season, the team was plagued with injuries that sidelined key teammates like Vasquez for most of the season.

"The team started training too hard too fast and this year we are letting them progress at their own rate, but still pushing them enough to excel," Azevedo said.

This year the team is looking to stay healthy and continue winning.

"We've been filling in the gaps from last year with transfers coming in and players from last year stepping up," Owens said.

The Mustangs' early-season victory over the always-strong University of Nebraska and their narrow loss to Iowa State has given the team confidence for the upcoming season.



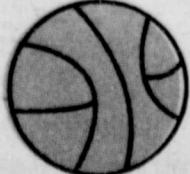
"We're looking strong this year, the win in Nebraska was big. Each player's win helped others feed off it to become stronger," Owens said.

This newfound confidence has helped the team stay positive even though the loss of three starters can be devastating.

"Not all of our starting line up was here (against Oregon State) and we fared well against two good teams," Halsey said. "Losing three starters is like losing a quarterback and a wide receiver. It's big."

The team faces a difficult schedule this year but has set its goals high despite facing powerhouse teams like ASU and Boise State.

The Mustangs have a pair of home matches on Saturday, taking on Purdue at 5 p.m. and Boise State in a Pac-10 contest at 7 p.m.

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